

# OES ALERTS

Milpitas Fire Department - Office of Emergency Services  
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## Flood Season is Upon Us Folks! Don't Be Caught Unprepared!

Unlike earthquakes, storm season can be predicted and well in advance. Many homeowners in the City, especially in the northeast corner of the City, are in a designated flood zones. What does that mean? It means those homeowners need to take preventative measures to ensure their property does not get damaged during the increased rainy seasons. Public Works does a fantastic job doing preventative maintenance - such as cleaning storm drains and catch basins, areas that easily clog up and cause water to collect in significant volume. So how can you help and prepare?



Clear flood-prone areas in your neighborhood, such as storm drains.



Report areas (storm drains, catch basins, creeks) for clearing debris in advance of a storm, to [MilpitasWorks@ci.milpitas.ca.gov](mailto:MilpitasWorks@ci.milpitas.ca.gov) or 408-586-2600.



Get your sandbags at: 1325 E. Calaveras (Milpitas Sports Center) and Hall Park (south end near the tennis courts). Plan early, bag in advance!



Report any power line maintenance issues in advance of storm to PG&E. Report any power line emergencies immediately to 911.



During storms, report maintenance (non-life threatening) calls to Public Works, 408-586-2600 or [MilpitasWorks@ci.Milpitas.ca.gov](mailto:MilpitasWorks@ci.Milpitas.ca.gov) and in an emergency, call 911.



Do not walk/drive through flooded areas, it only takes 3" of moving water to knock you to your feet.



If you need to evacuate your home, turn off utilities, and move to higher ground. **Do not stand in water or have wet hands when turning off electricity.**



Prepare your home just as you would an earthquake - food/water rations, personal supplies, flashlights/batteries, fill your gas tank in advance of storm and if you flood - head to east side of town (that would be the hills).



If you are looking for flood insurance, it takes 30 days to take effect. Those in designated flood zones are required to carry flood insurance by their mortgage company.



Lastly, **DON'T BE THE LAST ONE TO KNOW! REGISTER FOR TEXT MESSAGE EMERGENCY ALERTS AT [ALERTSCC.ORG](http://ALERTSCC.ORG)**



Follow the City of Milpitas at:



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The greatest number of home cooking fires occur on **Thanksgiving Day**.

**STAY SAFE TIPS FROM FIRE FIGHTERS:**

Keep an eye on the stovetop.  
Keep children away from the stove.  
Use caution if using an outdoor turkey fryer.



Data Source: National Fire Protection Association



**Memo from the Fire Chief:**

At Milpitas Fire, we want to wish you a happy and safe Thanksgiving season. Remember:

- Check your smoke detector batteries.
- Make sure you have a kitchen rated fire extinguisher nearby while cooking your feast! You cannot put water on a grease fire!

Happy Holidays, Chief Mihovich



**Upcoming OES Events:**

- 11/3 - ARES/RACES Quarterly Meeting
- 11/16 - SAFE Leader Meeting
- 11/16 - SAFE Team Wrap Up
- 11/17 - EPC Commission

Check out [www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/REGISTER](http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/REGISTER) for emergency training opportunities or contact the Office of Emergency Services for more information (408) 586-2801.

**Office of Emergency Services Events**



Along with other Santa Clara County Emergency Management Agencies, Milpitas OES assisted in hosting and participating in the **2016 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT/SAFE) Drill, 10/29**. This event tested the skills of Milpitas SAFE responders to navigate through Incident Command, work with HAM radio operators, and provide triage and treatment to "victims".

Pictured: Lizza Abella, Don Clendenin, Betty Reutter, Karen Jones and Lynette Garcia

**Free, Hands-Only CPR Course, 10/29**

OES also hosted a Hands-Only CPR training course for the Milpitas Community. Three of the Milpitas Fire Stations, along with the volunteer assistance of Regional Medical Center nurses (San Jose) taught over 75 community members how to perform hands-only CPR.

